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Celebrity Readers

Elvis reads "Dogzilla" by Dav Pilkey in Richard Ballard's 4th grade class Feb. 15. Elvis, a.k.a. Kevin Boucher, is one of the 100 readers who participated in Celebrity Reader Week at the Vicenza Elementary School and supported this year's theme *Help a Child Fall in Love with Reading through Reading*. "It was quite an honor to be asked again this year to take part in Celebrity Reader Week," said Boucher. "I love children, and I personally love to read. Even in school, I was always the first to raise my hand when it was time to read aloud, so how could I pass up this opportunity. I also think that the children get a kick out of having Elvis read to them. I get a lot of questions from them and even sign some autographs. I believe that I'm helping the children see how fun reading can be."

Celebrity Reader Week is an annual event sponsored by the Parent Teacher Student Association, whose original purpose was to engage the community in the school's celebration of reading and to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. "This year is Dr. Seuss's 101st birthday," said Margaret Rashid, Celebrity Reader Week coordinator. "Both last and this year, the purpose has been to allow the active duty parent, single Soldier, and civilian community an additional avenue to bond together in their show of support of the family during the deployment season. Thanks to all the parents, civilian employees, and other members of the community who made this event a huge success. The PTSA and VES appreciate you." (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Force Stabilization changing Army mindset

Soldiers, families stay in place longer, focus now on unit stability

USAREUR Public Affairs
News Release

Force Stabilization, which started Aug. 1, is now the watchword for human resource managers as they match up Army manpower requirements with where Soldiers are stationed.

Specifically, stabilization means Soldiers will stay at duty stations in the U.S. for longer periods than before – increasing stability, continuity and predictability to Army service.

"By stabilizing the Army, we keep people in place, develop cohesive, stable units where spouses can work, where children can go to school, where people can invest in homes and develop equity, stabilizes forces, it's better for the fighting forces, better for the families and will increase our retention," said Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff.

The old personnel management system of moving Soldiers from post to post every two to three years will be replaced, not overnight, but it will be the fastest reorganization in the Army in over 50 years.

The changes assist the Army's transformation in three ways: Providing more cohesive, agile, deployable forces for the combatant commander; providing Soldiers with increased time in troop assignments, increasing professional development and predictability and stability for Soldiers and their families; and allowing Soldiers and especially family members to establish continuity in their environment.

Army transformation is proceeding along three main avenues, said Gen. Schoomaker in an Army News Service release.

"Overall, 270,000 Soldiers are forward deployed in more than 120 countries, but with a total force in excess of 1 million, this should not stretch the force. Yet, it does. The strain on the force is caused by a force structure that was built for the Cold War. The solution to the problem is to create the right number of deployable Soldiers with the right skills in the right component.

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G1-Personnel
USAREUR and 7th Army

environment. This restructuring increases the number of active-duty combat brigades from 33 to 43 or more, using a combination of new recruits and Soldiers drawn from other parts of our Army. Our goal is an Army with more cohesive and combat-ready formations.

"Second, we are stabilizing the force with

initiatives that will eventually allow most Soldiers to remain based at a single installation for longer periods of time. Stabilization will yield a more predictable lifestyle for our Soldiers and their families.

"Third, we are rebalancing our force between the active component of the Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. This initiative will give our Army more troops available with the skills we need to fight the Global War on Terrorism."

Presently, stabilization applies to all continental U.S.-based Soldiers – though it is not fixed to a specific time period.

"This is about reducing the cost and stress associated with frequent relocations by allowing families to grow roots in the community," said Brig. Gen. Rusty Frutiger, G1, USAREUR and 7th Army. "Of course, the Global War on Terrorism will continue to cause turbulence, but with a modular force, whose families are settled and secure, we are better prepared to face those challenges."

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Military One Source

Tips for easing fear of deployment in children

Provided by Army Community Services
22nd Area Support Group

Children may find it very difficult to adjust to the absence of a parent who is called to duty. Some children may not understand why a parent has to leave, while others may be afraid for their parent’s safety. Some children may even be angry with a parent for leaving. It’s important to keep talking to your children and watching how they are handling the separation.

Talking with children about deployment

When talking to children about a parent’s deployment, you can:

- Help them understand that they have not done anything wrong. Young children may think a parent is leaving because of something they’ve done. Try to explain that serving in the military – and going away from time to time – is their parent’s job, just as going to the factory or office every day is what other parents do for work.
- Talk about where parents will be and what they will be doing. Post a map where children can see it. Spend some time together learning about where the parent is serving. If the deployed parent has gone to another country, learn something about its customs or language. Being familiar with and talking about the deployed parent’s daily routines, and getting a better picture of where he or she is, can help children cope with the separation.
- Be as honest and give as much information as possible. Children may have many questions about the military, and why their parent had to leave or whether he or she is safe. It’s important to give children as much information as possible in words that they will understand.
- Make sure they doesn’t feel like they have been abandoned. Telling children that their parent is “on assignment” or “at work” may help them understand the separation and that this is a normal part of military life.
- Encourage children to talk about their feelings. Let them know that it’s okay to admit that they miss their parent or feel lonely.
- Help children find ways to feel better when they are missing their parent. This could be by listening to a tape recording of

the parent reading a story, looking at pictures of the deployed parent, or even just talking about where the parent is stationed.

- Talk about the deployed parent frequently. Tell stories or jokes, or even say things like, “This is the sweater Daddy gave me for my birthday,” or “Mom loves spaghetti, let’s have that for dinner tonight.” Talking about the parent will help keep his or her presence in the child’s life.
- Tell children how much the deployed parent loves and misses them. Sometimes children need to hear reassuring things over and over again – remind children of this as often as possible.

Different children may cope differently with deployment. Some children may react by trying to “bend the rules” when one parent is away, while others may have trouble sleeping or feel lonely.

Pay attention to children’s behaviors and look for any changes that may indicate they needs some help coping.

Maintaining routines

Children thrive on routines and consistency, especially during a difficult time like a deployment. Try to stick with your regular routines as much as possible during the deployment period. Here are some ways to do that:

- Be consistent with discipline. Don’t change your “house rules” just because you’re managing as a single parent. It’s important for children to understand that even though things have changed, they can still count on the rules that you have established staying the same.
- Try to give children a sense of stability.

Try to maintain the same daily and weekly routines. You may also want to establish some new routines or rituals, such as spending a few minutes at bedtime talking about the deployed parent or looking at family pictures.

More tips for helping children cope with deployment

- Involve children in writing letters or emails or making things to send to the parent. Also encourage the deployed parent to send individual letters to their children.
- If it’s possible, find a way to count down the time until the parent returns in a way that children will understand. Some families make calendars, while others may fill a big jar with a sticker or candy for each day until the family member returns. There may be some situations

in which you may not have an exact date of return or the deployment is extended. If that’s the case, you could make a paper chain and add a link for each day that the parent is gone, then use the chain as a decoration when they return.

- Plan special outings or activities. A trip to the movies, a visit to the grandparents, or even a bike ride together may help a child feel better. You may also want to plan events with children from other families that are coping with deployment.
- Limit television watching, especially of military action. Watching media coverage of conflicts or wars – even ones that the parent is not involved in – can be emotionally draining. If your child is interested in watching television coverage of military action, try to do it together so that you can monitor what

the child is seeing, answer questions, and offer reassurance.

- Make sure your children’s teachers are aware of the deployment. If a child’s teacher is informed of the situation, he or she may be able to understand and cope with any behavior changes your child might have.

Editor’s Note: For more information about how to discuss difficult issues with children, log on to Military One Source www.militaryonesource.com. Military One Source is available for telephone consultation 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From Italy call 00-800-464-81077.

Also, stop by ACS, the Family Assistance Center, or the Family Readiness Center at Davis Hall for information on local resources. Reprinted with permission from Ceridian Corporation.

Community

Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, email your issue to CAC@setaf.army.mil or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: Caserma Ederle has a lot of construction going on and that means there are always a large number of contract vehicles and trucks coming through the gates.

This causes big traffic problems in the mornings when many people are trying to

get on post. Is it possible that the school bus gate can be used for contract/construction vehicles as well?

I’ve been spending 15 to 20 minutes waiting in line at the gate because of the large number of contract vehicles coming in. I know we have an alternate gate, but during the morning rush -it’s just as bad.

Response from Provost Marshal Office: The school bus gate is open in the morning to allow access for about 20 buses. It is closed as soon as the last bus enters.

Currently, there are no plans to keep this gate open full time as there are not enough contract vehicles entering post daily to support such a move.

Issue: Why does AAFES not show more family friendly (i.e. G-rated) movies?

Furthermore AAFES is showing the only two movies I would think of taking my children to, ‘The Incredibles’ and ‘Shark Tale’ each only once and at night. Why not have matinee showings for these movies?

Response from AAFES: We play all the movies that are available during the month. Vicenza receives a choice of one ‘first release’ movie and two to three second release movies a week.

Unfortunately, because of the cost of producing movies, the film industry has

shifted to releasing child-oriented movies on video only. Only 2 percent of child-oriented movies (G-rated) are theatrical releases.

This obviously limits the availability of G-rated movies at the Ederle Theater, but AAFES always attempts to contract every movie rated G, PG, and PG-13 for our customers.

Issue: We had an frustrating time getting settled on post this past summer.

The three major issues are as follows: 1) There should be advertising or information at the Ederle Inn front desk regarding healthy food options on post for families new to the area; 2) What is the process for temporary furniture/HHG pick-up and drop-off for arriving families and; 3) Can AAFES increase their stock of rug pads, drapes, etc.?

Response from Directorate of Community Activities: The Ederle Inn provides maps of Caserma Ederle that lists the names and locations of all on-post restaurants and eateries. Although menus for each restaurant are not maintained, as they are difficult to keep updated, the Ederle Inn staff can provide brief descriptions of the eateries available on post, as well as providing directions to each eating location depending on the customer request.

Response from Directorate of

Logistics: The issue of temporary furniture is a customer-driven task that must be coordinated with the Central Furnishings Management Office.

The Personal Property Processing Office will continue to stress the important of coordinating the pickup of temporary loan furniture prior to accepting a firm Household goods delivery or pickup date.

The PPPO remains fluid to readjust delivery dates to coincide with CFMO pickups, as long as advance notice is given.

Response from AAFES: The type of merchandise we receive is based on our store size and community demographics. The merchandise in our facility footprint is corporately-programed and based on store size.

We have reviewed our stock assortment in rug pads and agree that it needs to be revised.

We have requested a one-time purchase of curtains from one of our European suppliers, to complement our current assortment.

As our facility space is limited we do offer alternatives such as our AAFES Web site, www.aafes.com, where we have our Centric Mall and online shopping as well as our in-house catalogs.

Schools for military dependents first to adopt racial integration

By Megan Gafford
Outlook Staff

When you see black and white students sharing a laugh and a lunch table at the Vicenza schools, it is hard to imagine that less than a lifetime ago schools were segregated. It wasn’t until 1954, when the case of *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided in favor of Linda Brown, a 3rd grader from Topeka, Kansas, who was forced to walk a mile to her black school, when a white school was only seven blocks from her house, that schools were forced to desegregate.

Brown and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were faced with a setback when the Topeka District Court ruled in favor of the District of Education. The case was then appealed before the U.S. Supreme Court. On May 17, 1954, an unanimous decision was made that stated “Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.”

Long before public school across the nation were required to integrate their student body, schools attended by dependents of those serving

in the military were desegregated. On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, creating a program of racial integration in the then segregated services of the Armed Forces.

The order states “Where as it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country’s defense: Now therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the armed services, it is hereby ordered as follows: ... there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.”

Since military dependents of African American origin weren’t getting an equal education in segregated schools, which were mostly located in the southeastern United States, the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, the stateside counterpart of the overseas Department of

Defense Dependents Schools, became integrated in the early 1950s. This was to keep in-line with the president’s desegregation of the military.

What was it like going to a segregated school?

James Hawkins Jr., who works in the SETAF G3 section, attended segregated schools throughout his elementary and high school years.

“Where we were slighted most was in the courses that were available and the extracurricular activities that were available,” Hawkins said. “For example, our sports programs consisted of football, basketball, track, and cross-country. [A white high school] offered those programs, plus swimming, golf, tennis, baseball, and lacrosse.”

Although his segregated school may not have had all of the activities that white student schools at the time had, Hawkins was not disappointed by his early schooling experiences.

“We knew we were isolated, but our teachers also instilled in us the desire to learn and to participate in our society,” he said.

What was it like going to school during desegregation?

“There were situations where a black student or a small group of black students were intimidated by a larger group [of white students]; making them go somewhere else or to the back of the line,” said William Vetarbo, a teacher at the Vicenza High School, remembering what it was like when he went to school.

Vetarbo said that even though his high school didn’t have a violent atmosphere like some of the schools during this time, there was obvious intimidation of African American students, and he saw verbal hostility frequently.

Today in U.S. schools, scenes such as these are just memories of their former students.

Black History Month luncheon

There will be a Black History Month luncheon Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the dining facility. The guest speaker is Lee N. Coffee, Jr., Buffalo Soldier historian. The Vicenza and Camp Darby Gospel Choirs will perform. For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Johnson at 634-7093.

Force Stabilization from Page 1

If the Soldier’s unit gets selected for deployment, the Soldier goes with the unit, but the Soldier can expect to return for duty at the same installation following deployment.

“The Chief of Staff’s intent is to optimize the force for increased readiness and combat proficiency,” said Brig. Gen. Frutiger. “Unit cohesion increases when you keep replacement turbulence to a minimum, and there is more depth of experience.”

Soldier moves will be determined by:

- Needs of the Army require the Soldier to move.
- Leader development – formerly referred to as professional development – requirements. This includes education requirements that may last a year or longer, and duty positions not readily available at the Soldier’s current post.
- The Soldier requests a different duty station.

“Once a non-commissioned officer becomes leader qualified as a squad leader or equivalent, their assignment to other duties to include drill sergeant, recruiter, and other career enhancing positions is more

likely,” said Brig. Gen. Frutiger. “However, multiple opportunities to return to the same post will occur during a Soldier’s career.

“Similarly, officers will qualify as leaders at company-level command or equivalent at about the seven-year mark. Following this, they will leave the installation to assignments such as instructor duty, observer controller at a training center, recruiting, or to attend advanced civil schooling.”

There still remains some work to be done under a second part of stabilization – unit lifecycle management. Currently, only the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Stryker) standing up at Fort Richardson, Alaska, is being managed under the ULM initiative.

ULM has three phases: reset, train, and ready.

“ULM synchronizes a Soldier’s tour with the unit’s operational cycle,” said Brig. Gen. Frutiger. This cycle lasts 36 months.

“The Soldier is encouraged to remain with the unit for the next cycle. The goal is to have 25 to 33 percent

of a unit ‘roll over’ for an additional tour.

“ULM focuses personnel turnover to the periods the Army is referring to as the ‘reset period’,” said Brig. Gen. Frutiger.

“Unit readiness is increased with ULM since Soldiers have the stability of working with the same team members and leaders, rather than losing people due to a Cold War-era individual replacement system,” said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

“The challenges we face: deconflicting schools, promotions and service obligations, in-and-out processing large numbers of Soldiers, are far outweighed by the increased unit readiness levels, the family stability and predictability, and the cohesion that exists in better units,” said Brig. Gen. Frutiger. “The end state of force stabilization is building units that are combat ready, agile and deployable.”

For additional information about Force Stabilization visit the website at: <https://www.stabilization.army.mil>.

Camp Darby NCO, Soldier/Airman of the Quarter

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Paul Bishop, 712th Red Horse Flight, is recognized as NCO of the Quarter by Lt. Col. Charles Leaming, Camp Darby commander, during the Camp Darby NCO and Soldier/Airman of the Quarter ceremony at the Camp Darby Theater.

Below: Air Force Airman John Carlin, 712th Munitions Squadron, salutes Leaming during the ceremony. Carlin was awarded the Soldier/Airman of the Quarter during the ceremony. (Photos by Chiara Mattiolo, Camp Darby Public Affairs)

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A Command Message

Your Identification Card is not your club credit card. Soldiers are not authorized to use their ID card as a means to run a tab in any club. All establishments have been repeatedly warned not to make copies of ID cards so a Soldier can run a tab. Protect yourself and your community. Don’t let your ID card out of your sight.

Doing the job right

DPW receives positive reviews from customers



Above: A DPW structural and finishing worker gets ready to position a flag holder at a Villaggio residence.

Right: Industrial equipment mechanics, work on installing a hot water heater in Villaggio.



Below: DPW general maintenance and operation mechanics work to remove the branches after trimming and reshaping the cluster pines on Olson Avenue. One transports them to the eco-center for disposal.



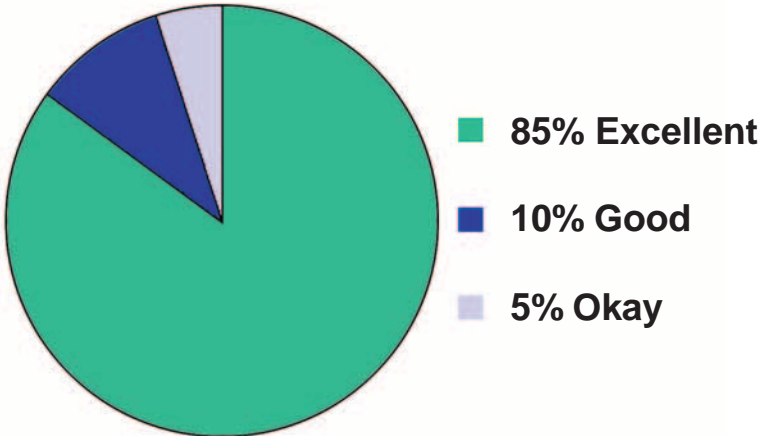
Story and photos
By Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

As one of the agencies, which mainly deals with ordinary and extraordinary maintenance, the Directorate of Public Works takes care of hundreds of work orders on Caserma Ederle and Villaggio each year. The requests include plumbing or carpenter problems, electrical and mechanical repairs and roads and grounds maintenance. On a daily basis, DPW receives at least 40 to 50 service order calls, according to Giampaolo Rizzo, chief, Operation and Maintenance Division, DPW, who has worked here since 1972. The requests vary from repairing metal and wooden doors, replacing damaged ceiling tiles and fluorescent tubes, and installing heaters, to name a few. With each service order placed, the customer has the opportunity to submit an evaluation form and rate the work done by the DPW employees. DPW has a great record so far this fiscal year with 85 percent of the forms that were returned from September through December 2004 marked excellent. According to Rizzo, one of the reasons of this positive response may be a faster reply

on fixing the problems and the emergencies that occur thanks to the introduction of some items in their operation system. “We received 12 cell phones that we can use to communicate between the different shops, supervisors and personnel to send the right workers and solve the emergencies faster,” he said. Also, the introduction and the use of credit cards for purchasing some necessary supplies allow them to receive the requested material in much shorter periods of time, explained Rizzo. “Now, we are trying to improve our service by receiving some authorizations that will help us supply our agency with more cell phones and some new transportation vehicles,” he said. Currently there are 68 Italian employees at the DPW Operation and Maintenance Division. They work hard to provide experience and knowledge to make sure each customer is satisfied. For information on submitting a service order during normal duty hours, contact the DPW Work Order Desk at 634-7491 or email service.orders@setaf.army.mil. If you have an after hours emergency, which is defined as any problem that poses an immediate danger to life or property, contact the fire department at 634-7092.

Percentages of Customer Evaluations

Based on 462 evaluation forms received from September-December, 2004



Total Service Orders performed from September-December, 2004

Carpenter Shop	124	Metal Shop	19
Electric Shop	46	Mechanical Shop	62
Plumber Shop	151	Mason Shop	62



Above: DPW carpenters are on their way to replace a door in one of the barracks located on post. Last year, DPW recorded 584 requests for doors to be repaired, not including about 380 requests for door locks.

Non-infantryman takes home prestigious 173d award

Story and photos
By Spec. Jon Arguello
173d Airborne Brigade
Public Affairs

There are several characteristics that Non-Commissioned Officers are expected to embody – leadership is one of the most important. Quality of leadership is one characteristic that separates a good NCO from a great one.

A proven method of testing and demonstrating leadership qualities is through various boards, such as the Sigholtz Board, which was held Feb. 10.

“Only the best NCOs from the brigade were sent [to the Sigholtz Board]. Each participant was hand picked from the command,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), command sergeant major and board member.

This year the honor went to Staff Sgt. Richard Kollar, Charlie Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne).

“The award is presented annually to an outstanding NCO who embodies the spirit of leadership and tenacity associated with the true airborne tradition,” Hartless said.

The Sigholtz Board was established by the 173rd Airborne Society and Col. Robert Sigholtz, Sr., a former Sky Soldier commander, in memory of his son, Lt. Robert Sigholtz, Jr., who was killed in Vietnam in 1969. The Sigholtz Board, held annually, tests NCOs in various events from marksmanship to physical and mental toughness.

Kollar truly lived up to the board’s expectations for Sigholtz awardee, beating out two fierce competitors, Staff Sgt. Scott Cahill,

Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) and Staff Sgt. Luke Vilsmeier, Delta Battery, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment.

During the competition, the Soldiers competed in a 10-mile road march, Army Physical Fitness Test, zeroing and qualification of their weapons, and finally faced a board of four command sergeants major and one first sergeant.

Kollar, who took first in the 10-mile road march with a time of one hour forty-nine minutes, performed extremely well in all events. He said the physical portion was tough, but believed the board was the most difficult part.

These boards also contribute to the professional development of the Soldiers who participate in them.

“The individual participants are rewarded by the experience, if nothing else,” said Hartless. “The participants gain confidence, develop speaking skills and knowledge.”

These aspects also benefit the Soldiers serving under the participants.

“Every leader in the Army can become better at leading Soldiers,” Hartless added. “Boards make better leaders. The participants put a great amount of time and effort preparing, and the knowledge they gain can be passed on and influence their subordinates, which is all part of coaching and mentoring – making the unit and Army better.”

Kollar, a combat medic, is the first Soldier to win the award whose Military Occupation Specialty is not 11B, infantryman. He hopes it will influence other Soldiers who are not “11 Bravos” to compete.

“I think a lot of support elements are intimidated [by infantrymen],” said Kollar. “They shouldn’t be. All NCOs put their pants on the same way. You just need to be confident and perform the best you can.”

Kollar was recognized for his achievement by receiving an Army Commendation Medal from 173d Airborne Brigade Commander Col. Kevin Owens during a ceremony Thursday on Hoekstra Field.

Sgt. Angel Hernandez, Charlie Company, 1-508th Inf (Abn), was selected as the 173d Abn Bde NCO



Col. Kevin Owens, 173d Airborne Brigade commander, congratulates Staff Sgt. Richard Kollar, Charlie Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne), after pinning him with an Army Commendation Medal during a ceremony on Hoekstra Field Thursday for winning the Sigholtz Board.

of the Quarter and Spc. Alex Antuna, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn), was selected as the 173d Abn Bde Soldier of the Quarter.

Board Competitions

For Soldiers interested in competing at boards, confidence is a necessity, said Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur J. McCann III, 173d Airborne Brigade command sergeant major.

“I look for confidence and proper military bearing,” said McCann. “Answering the questions correctly

shows the level of preparedness, it also shows discipline, application and understanding of our basic Army values.”

Appearance and the individual Soldier’s reporting procedure is also of great importance.

“The reporting procedure can tell a lot about the Soldier’s bearing and confidence level,” said McCann. “Reporting is like looking at a cover of a book.”

If you are interested in competing in your unit’s board, talk to your NCO chain of command.

Soldiers’ Theatre presents *By Strouse*

Actors practice a dance number from the upcoming Soldiers’ Theatre production of *By Strouse*. Tickets are now available for the musical *By Strouse* featuring songs from the Broadway musicals *Annie*, *Bye-Bye Birdie* and *Applause*.

Shows are scheduled for March 3-5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and a special Sunday matinee performance March 6.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for youth, with special group rates for parties of ten or more.

Call the Soldiers’ Theatre Reservation Hotline at 634-7755 or stop by Soldiers’ Theatre weekday afternoons to purchase or reserve tickets.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Exhibitions

Vicenza: Photos by Adolfo Farsari (1841-1898) are on display in the Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori, until April 17. Farsari was born in Vicenza when it was still a part of Austria-Hungary. An ardent opponent of slavery, he traveled to America in 1863 and enlisting in the Union Army as a cavalry soldier during the Civil War. He moved to Japan in 1873 and later entered the photography business in Yokohama where he purchased the Japan Photographic Association Studio. At that time in Japan, hand-coloring of photographs was very popular. By 1891, 19 of Farsari’s 33 employees were painters. You can see several of his photos on display in the Basilica downtown. The exhibit is open daily 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. It is closed on Mondays. Entrance is free.

Venice: The exhibition *Veronese miti, ritratti, allegori*, Veronese myths, portraits and allegories, can be seen in the Correr Museum located in St. Marks Square. Paolo Veronese, an Italian Renaissance painter, was originally named Paolo Caliari. He was called Veronese from his native city of Verona. The exhibition features 40 works of art, on loan from major European and American collections. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m.-7p.m. Entrance fee is 9 euro.

Home furnishing exhibit and markets

There is still time to visit the exhibition *Spaziocasa* being held in the Vicenza fair grounds. There are over 350 exhibitors presenting a whole range of goods for the house from modern styles to reproduction, garden furniture, furnishing accessories, lighting, rugs, curtains and more. There is also an area dedicated to weddings, which includes clothing, accessories and various articles. The exhibition is open today from 3:30-8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday from 3:30-10 p.m., Saturday-Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance fee is 8 euro. The grounds are located near the Vicenza ovest (west) autostrada exit.

In the town of Cerea, province of Verona, their monthly antique and flea market will be held on Sunday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Find over 200 stalls in a covered area. Entrance fee is 1.55 euro, children younger than 14 years of age are free. Also find a refreshment stand inside the market area and a large parking area outside.

Milan Linate/Airport: In the Parco Esposizioni Novegro, Novegro exhibition grounds, located near the Milan airport, is the 33rd exhibition and exchange of antique cars, motorbikes, and bike accessories and parts is taking place this weekend. Open Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday until 5 p.m. Entrance fee is 8.50 euro. There is a large pay-parking area nearby the exhibit.

Jazz

Chris Potter will play at the Giotto Theater, in the town of Vicchio, located 95 miles from Livorno, on March 11 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost 13 euro. Call the Florence Tourist Office at 055-23320 for more information.



Medieval Festival

It is now time to make plans to visit the medieval festival in the Castle of Bevilacqua, taking place on March 20. See fire-eaters, knights, bowmen, musicians, medieval fortune tellers, a medieval market, jesters and a medieval encampment. Children will also be able to participate in different organized games. Last year there was a bow and arrow competition, duels and pony rides. The castle gates open at 10 a.m. and tickets cost 8 euro for adults, children 9-14 years of age cost 3 euro, and children 8 years of age and younger are free. No reservations are needed.

There will also be a medieval lunch served starting at 12:30 p.m. with entertainment by musicians, knights and dancers. Reservations are mandatory. Cost is 33 euro for adults, children between 6-10 years of age cost 15 euro, and children younger than 5 years old are free. The dining area has a capacity of holding 500 persons.

Although only in Italian, the menu for the event and directions can be viewed at www.castellodibevilacqua.com Call 0442-93655 for reservation. You will have to confirm via fax at 0442 649-420 with your name and address. If you have difficulties speaking Italian over the phone, ask an Italian friend to help.

The castle is approximately 31 miles from Vicenza. There is also a medieval Easter lunch in the castle on March 27 at 12:30 p.m. Cost for adults is 40 euro, children 6-10 years of age are 20 euro, children 5 years old and younger are free. Reservations are mandatory.

Marathons

Padova: The Saint Anthony Marathon this year will be held on April 24. The start time is 9 a.m. from the town of Vedelago, province of Treviso, and eight hours is the time limit. During this time, all roads will be closed to traffic.

Lots of events will be taking place before and after the marathon in Prato della Valle, Padova, which is claimed to be the biggest square in Europe.

Other mini races will take place to include one of two kilometers for children that starts from the square. The registration cost for the children’s marathon is 5 euro and includes bib, marathon medal, refreshments and insurance policy.

If you buy your bib in advance, sold in Ali and Aliper supermarkets, you will receive the official t-shirt of the Saint Anthony marathon for free. Full information and registration is available at www.maratonasantantonio.com The earlier you confirm your participation, the cheaper it will cost.

Torino: The Torino Marathon this year takes place on April 17. The course starts and finishes outside the multi functional Palavela Sport Arena. The marathon, for people 18 years of age and older, will take you through some of Torino’s surrounding towns, its green parks and the most beautiful streets of the city center.

Fee includes use of toilets, changing rooms, left-runners’ bags depot, hot showers, pasta party after the race, massage therapists, water, tea, candy, and first aid. Time limit is 6 and a half hours. If women and first timers register before March 20, registration is free. For information in English visit www.turinmarathon.it

Rome: Run around the monuments. This year, the Rome Marathon takes place on March 13 with a start time of 9:30 a.m. Offering one of the most beautiful routes in the world, this is a major sporting event and a day of celebration and spectacle for the city as a whole. The website, www.maratonadiroma.it, gives full details of the occasion, including registration, big-name competitors, and regulations.

Most interest to non-runners is the beautifully illustrated account of the architectural wonders passed along the route. The starting point for the marathon is between Via Conciliazione and the Coliseum, and the marathon winds its way around the center of the city to finish up back at the Coliseum, this time along Via dei Fori Imperiali.

Ice-skating rinks

In Padova, the ice-skating rink is located in the *Natatorio Plebiscito* building, west of Padova, and is open everyday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 2 to 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.-midnight until March 15. Entrance fee: 5 euro weekdays; 7 euro weekends. Skate rental is 3 euro.

The ice-skating rink in Asiago, located 55 kilometers north of Vicenza, is open weekends from 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Entrance fee: 4,50 euro, skate rental is 3,50 euro.

Cyrano de Bergerac

The Down Syndrome People of Italy Association will present *Cyrano de Bergerac* on March 24 in Livorno at Teatro la Gran Guardia.

There will be two performances, one at 4 p.m. and one at 9 p.m. Tickets cost 13 euro for the 4 p.m. show and 21 euro for the 9 p.m. show.

Tickets can be purchased at the theater. For additional information feel free to contact the Camp Darby Public Affairs Office at 633-7229 or email PAO@darby.setaf.army.mil

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Feb. 23	Ocean Twelve (PG13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	Blade: Trinity (R)	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	Phantom of the Opera (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Closer (R)	10 p.m.
Feb. 26	Phantom of the Opera (PG13)	2 p.m.
	Flight of the Phoenix (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Closer (R)	10 p.m.
Feb. 27	Flight of the Phoenix (PG13)	2 p.m.
	Phantom of the Opera (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 2	Closer (R)	7 p.m.
March 3	Phantom of the Opera (PG13)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 24	Meet the Fockers (PG13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	Ladder 49	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	Lemony Snickets	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA - Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum - A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. He’s smitten and wants Christine for his own, but Christine meets up with their childhood acquaintance Raoul and the two fall in love. Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair. Raoul is now the only one who can stop him.

CLOSER - Julia Roberts, Jude Law - An uncompromisingly honest look at modern relationships, Closer is the story of four strangers and their chance meetings, instant attractions, and brutal betrayals. Based on a play by Patrick Marber, the couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweetheart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

LEMONY SNICKETS - Jim Carrey, Timothy Spall - Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are three intelligent young children who receive terrible news that their parents have died in a fire and have left them an enormous fortune not to be used until the eldest child is of age. They are taken in by a series of odd relatives and other people, including Lemony Snicket, who narrates the film, and the cunning and dastardly Count Olaf who is plotting to kill them and snatch their inheritance from them.

MEET THE FOCKERS - Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller - Now that Greg Focker is “in” with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that’s before Pam’s parents meet Greg’s parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start, and no matter how hard Greg and Pam try, there is just no bringing their families together—which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of “getting to know you.”

FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX - Dennis Quaid, Tyrese Gibson - The action-adventure revolves around the plight of Captain Frank Towns, a pilot whose C-119 cargo plane full of oil workers could not withstand the violent winds of a desert sandstorm. Stranded in the harsh terrain of Mongolia’s Gobi Desert, Frank and his navigator face an equal challenge in maintaining order among the survivors. The group of survivors had planned on an uneventful trip to shut off a group of rigs falling below their productivity expectations - not fending for their very lives. Facing a brutal environment, dwindling resources, an attack by desert smugglers, they realize their only hope is to do the “impossible”: build a new plane from the wreckage.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

There will be a conference on ADHD diagnosis and therapy on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Sala Anziani Palazzo Municipio in Padova. A Vicenza Army Health Clinic provided will be part of the panel. The conference will be in Italian.

On March 12 at 4 p.m. there will be an Art Auction of 150 paintings by local artists to benefit awareness of ADHD here in the Veneto Region. The Auction will be held at the Padua Art Gallery, Via delle Piazze, 28, Padova.

For more information on either of these events, call 049-652-057 or 329-231-2572.



A participant looks through her dream catcher created at the conference room at the library, which represented the continent of North America.
“This event provides an opportunity to learn about the rest of the world and to open our minds and hearts to all diverse races and cultures,” said Shay Morris, coordinator for South America.

Expand your world

7 continents come to Caserma Ederle

Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff



Girls perform Polynesian dances with community members at the library.



Children wear traditional Korean dress, *Han-Bok*, while creating Origami at the school cafeteria.



A DMWR employee explains how to use the Expand Your World Passport to one of the participants in the Multicultural Fair held on post Friday.



Above: Many visitors taste the food in front of the post library, which housed North America.
Left: A family member offers *Chap-che*, a Korean noodle dish, as part of the food tasting at the school cafeteria where Asia was represented.



Dancers from the local school *Fuente Flamenca* perform one of the Flamenco dances at Davis Hall. Davis Hall represented the continent of Europe.
“What a great event,” said Jolly Miller, coordinator for Europe. “In Europe, we asked our English [language] students, ladies from countries such as Russia and Hungary, to participate in this event as representatives to share their culture with the community. They loved doing it because it was an opportunity to share their cultural backgrounds.”

Walk 4 Freedom

Mikaela Cade, health promotion coordinator, 22nd Area Support Group, checks the blood pressure of Qamariyyah Toure', a registered nurse with the Vicenza Health Clinic, before Toure' moves to the Station #3 to complete the three-minute step test during her free fitness evaluation. Six stations were located at the Vicenza Fitness Center during the Walk 4 Freedom kick off Friday. More than 150 people registered during the event for this yearlong wellness goal. There is still time to set your own goal and join the Walk 4 Freedom. Call Cade at 634-8828 for more information on how to participate. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

22nd ASG directorate changes name

The Directorate of Community Activities will officially change their name to the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation effective Monday. This name change aligns with Installation Management Agency vision and 22nd Area Support Group guidance.
As a reminder, the following programs and partners are included in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation:

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| Army Community Service | Soldiers' Theatre |
| Child and Youth Services | Joe Dugan's Restaurant |
| Sports and Fitness | Club Veneto |
| Library | Ederle Lanes Bowling |
| Information, Tours, and Registration | Army Substance Abuse Program |
| Outdoor Recreation | Education Center |
| Arts and Crafts | Tax Relief Office |
| Auto Skills Center | Unit and Family Readiness |
| Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers | Group funds and private organization assistance |
| | Army Lodging |